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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Toshio Endo et al.
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For : METHOD FOR PRODUCING COPOLYMER OF ALKYL VINYL ETHER
AND MALEIC ANHYDRIDE, AND COPOLYMER OF ALKYL VINYL
ETHER AND MALEIC ANHYDRIDE
Group Art Unit : 1713
Examiner : Helen Lee Pezzuto
Notice of Allowance: December 16, 2003
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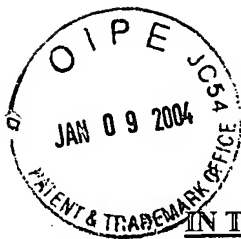
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CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b)

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the inventorship designation of the above-identified patent application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) by deleting the name of Morihito SAITO as co-inventor such that Toshio ENDO, Tatsumi FUJII, and Yasuo TSUJI remain as the inventors.

A Notice of Allowance was mailed in this case on December 16, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered prior to issuance of the patent so that the patent issues with the correct inventorship designation.

When the application was filed on December 28, 2001, Toshio ENDO, Tatsumi FUJII, Yasuo TSUJI, and Morihito SAITO were properly named as inventors. However, due to an Examiner's amendment cancelling claims 20-29 in order to expedite the allowance of this case, fewer than all of the currently named inventors are actual inventors of the invention being claimed. Toshio ENDO, Tatsumi FUJII, and Yasuo TSUJI are the inventors of the subject matter of the allowed claims in the above-identified application. The inventions of Morihito SAITO are no longer being claimed in the above-identified application. Accordingly, correction is required.

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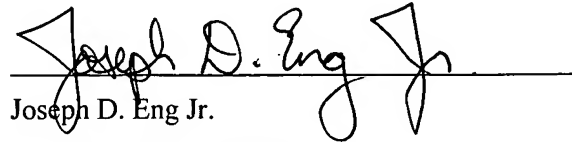
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Applicants enclose a check for \$130.00, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i). While Applicants believe that no additional fees are due for the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment and accompanying petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1776-4070.

Respectfully submitted,
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